

## Interview Summary

**Application No.**

10/517,555

**Applicant(s)**

NISHIHARA, YUICHI

**Examiner**

JANNELLE M. LEBRON

**Art Unit**

2861

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) JANNELLE M. LEBRON.(3) DAVID L. SCHAEFFER.(2) MATTHEW LUU.

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Date of Interview: 25 July 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-4.

Identification of prior art discussed: Tsukada et al., Takamura et al. and Yamamoto et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicants will consider to revise claim 1 to clarify that the piezoelectric element is used as a sensor and that the discharge involves output signal and not ink ejection.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

/Jannelle M. Lebron/  
Examiner, Art Unit 2861

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an  
Attachment to a signed Office action.

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Examiner's signature, if required